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## 'Fight for more'

**International Women's Day.** Dozens gather for rally in Halifax



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Banners flew in the wind, and the pounding of drums filled Grand Parade in Halifax on Sunday, as dozens of women and men rallied together for International Women's Day.

At the event, hosted by the Halifax-Dartmouth & District Labour Council, around 70 people listened to speakers talk on such issues as subsidized child care and rape culture on campuses. Concerns also were expressed that privatized home care in Nova Scotia hurts the income of women in the field.

"I was a single mom ... and I was working three jobs trying to support myself," said Janet Wehrens, who attended to fight for subsidized daycare and better assistance for single moms.

For the first four years of

her daughter's life, Wehrens said, she wasn't able to spend enough time with her because she had to work so often to pay for that daycare.

"I fight for my children every day, that's why I attend things like this," added her friend and fellow mom Melissa Lively, who also hopes to see more resources for those leaving abusive relationships.

Christine Saulnier of the Canadian Centre for Policy Alternatives said although the status of women has improved over the decades, there's a lot more to do in Nova Scotia, where female employees are paid 70 cents for every dollar a man earns (\$15,000 less per year) and 61 per cent of minimum wage earners in the province are women.

"We're here today to remember that things were worse and we need to keep what we have, fight for more, and celebrate our achievements," Saulnier told the crowd.

For more on International Women's Day, see page 7



## THE KEYS TO COMMUTER HEARTS

Jade Lapointe tickles the ivories at a piano recently set up at the Alderney Landing ferry terminal in Dartmouth on Sunday. The city put in the piano for people to play, and Lapointe has quickly become a regular performer. Story, page 5. JEFF HARPER/METRO



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On the streets

## Overnight winter parking ban lifted for first time in two weeks

After 14 days in a row, the city has lifted enforcement of the overnight winter parking ban — for now.

In a release issued on Sunday, HRM said they would not be ticketing cars left out on the streets between 1 and 6 a.m. Monday, for the first time in two weeks.

The city said although Halifax has seen mostly clear weather for the past little while, the ban was needed for crews to be able to chip away at the ice-packed streets and sidewalks and cut back snow banks.

The parking ban is in effect until March 31 but will only be enforced during snow and ice events or snow-clearing operations.

The ban has been enforced 31 times so far this year, compared to 14 times overall last winter.

The ban may be lifted for now, but the city is reminding residents to keep an eye out for temporary no-parking signs, where ice and snow removal may still be going on.

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Overnight winter parking ban has been in effect 31 times.

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# A vision to make the city more foot-friendly

**Policy.** Pedestrian advocacy group to launch in Halifax



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The founder of a new pedestrian advocacy group in the city has big visions — even in the groups' earliest stages — for how to transform the pedestrian experience.

Bill Campbell, who works as an information technology consultant, seriously began thinking about creating positive change for pedestrians after hosting an event during last summer's 100in1Day festival, which celebrates civic engagement. Campbell's idea was to about reclaim the corner of Queen and Morris streets as a gathering place for people, rather than cars.

"There just didn't seem to be a holistic group that was thinking about the pedestrian overall," he said, adding that related initiatives, such as crosswalk safety groups, came close but were not all-encompassing.

After weeks of vetting his idea of forming a pedestrian advocacy group with various experts from Dalhousie University, city staff and the urban planning community, Campbell said his new group, dubbed Walk Halifax, will host its first organizational meeting on Wednesday.

The vision: "Any route a pedestrian takes is safe, comfortable and interesting," he



Bill Campbell out and about, — where else, but on the streets of Halifax. As the founder of a new pedestrian advocacy group in the city, Campbell has big visions for how the pedestrian experience can be transformed.

STEPHANIE TAYLOR/METRO

### At a glance

Bill Campbell hopes the group will work closely with other non-profits, such as It's More Than Buses and the Halifax Cycling Coalition to build what he calls "complete streets," and be an added resource to other urban design advocates.

explained.

Campbell, who is working with several colleagues on

the project, said he imagines the group functioning as a coalition with different task forces dedicated to areas of accessibility, urban design, health and well-being, as well as safety and maintenance.

Advocating for better pedestrian safety speaks for itself, he explains, adding ensuring sidewalks are comfortable and interesting to look at for those on foot are equally as important.

"Right now there's no place to sit on Spring Garden

Road between the library and Victoria Park on such a busy active street," he said Thursday.

With just a couple of days before its inaugural meeting, Campbell says he's most looking forward to giving more voice to the pedestrian perspective when it comes to decision-making around policy and building regulations, street infrastructure and transit design.

"Everyone walks. Everyone's a pedestrian at some point," he said.

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## Crime. New court date for accused in shooting plot

The case of two people accused of plotting to open fire on shoppers in a Halifax mall will return to court on April 10 to set a date for a preliminary hearing.

Lindsay Kanitha Souvannarath, 23, of Geneva, Ill., and Randall Steven Shepherd, 20, of Halifax, were charged last month with conspiracy to commit murder.

They also face charges of conspiracy to commit arson, illegal possession of weapons for a dangerous purpose and making a threat through social media.

The new date in the case was set Friday during a brief hearing in provincial court. Both of the accused were in court.

Outside court, Crown attorney Shauna MacDonald said her office is still receiving evidence from the police and she plans to disclose some of it to the defence on Monday.

Police allege the plot could



Randall Steven Shepherd and Lindsay Kanitha Souvannarath.

JEFF HARPER/METRO

have resulted in mass casualties at the Halifax Shopping Centre on Valentine's Day.

Last week, MacDonald said the conspiracy charge is based on the notion that some kind of agreement had been reached between the accused.

The Crown alleges the offences took place from Jan. 6 to Valentine's Day and were carried out in concert with James Lee Gamble, a 19-year-old found dead in his Halifax home on Feb. 13. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

## Crime. Police seeking tips to solve truck theft

Halifax police are asking for the public's help after a truck was stolen from a home in Lower Sackville on the weekend.

RCMP say they received reports of a break-in Saturday at a home on Sackville Drive, where multiple items and a Ford F-150 truck had been taken.

Shortly afterward, RCMP say a truck matching the description was spotted on Beaver Bank Road and officers stopped

the truck.

The driver pulled over but as the officer approached on foot, the truck sped off.

Police didn't drive after the vehicle.

After patrolling the area, police found the truck abandoned near Milo and Susan Drive.

The driver of the vehicle is described as a white male with short brown hair.

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## Dartmouth. Fire sends two people to hospital

An overnight fire in Dartmouth sent two people to hospital and displaced two others from their home on Saturday.

Halifax Regional Police responded to an apartment building at 51 Joseph Young St. to assist the fire department, which was working to extinguish a

fire around 3:15 a.m.

Police say the fire was contained to one apartment on the fourth floor and around 30 tenants were evacuated. Most tenants were able to go back inside after a few hours, police said.

The cause of the fire isn't known. **METRO**

### Stats

### Nearly 70 charged with impaired driving in February

Sixty-seven people are facing impaired-driving-related charges after February, according to the latest drinking-and-driving statistics released.

Halifax police say 50 men and 17 women ranging in ages from 16 to 66 were charged with impaired driving last month.

Of these people, police say 27 were identified at traffic stops and checkpoints, 10 were identified after a collision had occurred, and 30 were called in by worried citizens. **METRO**



Paul Vienneau will receive money to buy a new wheelchair, thanks to a crowdfunding campaign started recently. JEFF HARPER/METRO

# Man receives thousands to buy new wheelchair

**Crowdfunding.** Paul Vienneau says not everyone in Halifax is so lucky, however

### Quoted

"This chair represents me being able to do way more with my life. This is probably the chair I'm going to be buried in."

Paul Vienneau

It was \$8,000 Paul Vienneau says he just couldn't afford.

Life on a fixed income made it nearly impossible for the Halifax-based photographer to save the thousands needed to replace his 12-year-old wheelchair — which, he says, squeaks, wobbles and gives him pressure sores on one side of his hip because he no longer has a younger man's body.

This winter has been especially tough, he says, explaining that images of his salt- and grime-encrusted chair caught the attention of an administrator from the site Halifax after

Vienneau, who dubbed himself "A-hole with a shovel," made news by spending hours breaking up ice on uncleared sidewalks in downtown.

In just four days, more than \$8,000 was raised through a GoFundMe crowdfunding campaign — money to buy Vienneau a new wheelchair.

Reliance on the kindness of strangers is about the only way many wheelchair users in Nova Scotia can incur the financial cost of upgrading, Vienneau says.

"An assistive device is necessary to your life," he explained, adding there is currently no government funding in place to help offset the cost of a new chair.

Vienneau says the base cost of a titanium-frame wheelchair — the lightest and most manoeuvrable — is around \$7,000, excluding the cost of accessories.

Even then, he says, a new chair will inevitably require maintenance.

"We're underrepresented in

the workforce already and not a lot of us are in Fortune 500 companies in management," Vienneau said.

"To be able to afford something like this every five to six years, we'd still have to sock away money every month to come up with eight grand."

The province's Department of Community Services website directs people with physical disabilities to a wheelchair-recycling program through Easter Seals. However, applicants aged 18 to 65 who have a family net income of more than \$25,000 are not eligible, according to the program's application.

Vienneau says he believes something more needs to be done, even if that means using government money to split the difference on the purchase of a second chair.

**STEPHANIE TAYLOR/METRO**



Firefighters tackle a blaze that destroyed a commercial building on Portland Place in September.

JEFF HARPER/METRO

## Fire service up for debate again

Halifax councillors will try — for a third time — to debate the operational review of the city's fire service and its contentious proposal to close three career fire stations on Tuesday.

The operational service review of Halifax Regional Fire and Emergency was scheduled to be debated first at a committee of the whole meeting on Jan. 27, and again on Feb. 3.

Both debates were cancelled because of bad weather.

The review includes details for a five-year, \$9.4-million technology road map to upgrade existing technology and provide some missing key components, like automatic vehicle locators for all fire trucks.

It also includes a proposal to close three career fire stations and four rural volunteer sta-

tions, relocate two more career stations, and reduce by more than half the number of volunteers in the urban core.

Fire and emergency managers contend the career station closures are necessary to provide dedicated crews for two aerial-ladder trucks in Halifax and Dartmouth and won't affect response times.

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# Ferrygoers enjoy sound of music as they wait at Alderney Landing

**Transit.** Piano at Alderney Landing gives passengers a chance to get hands-on time, or simply appreciate some good tunes

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Since December, passengers waiting for the ferry at Alderney Landing in Dartmouth have had a new way to pass the time.

It's a piano — sitting directly beneath the terminal's digital clock.

"When I first saw the piano, I thought, 'Isn't that cool?'" said Kate Watson, a popular Halifax blogger and city advocate. "But nobody played it, and I kind of forgot about it."

Watson takes the ferry often. She recently had a memorable experience at the terminal.

It was a sunny day when Watson arrived at Alderney Landing and was greeted by the sound of music. A young woman was sitting at the piano and playing.

"I needed to catch the ferry, but I had to hurry over and ask why she was doing

## Oh Shenandoah!

Jade Lapointe says she's happy to play whenever she can. If you see her at Alderney Landing, request the song Shenandoah. It's her favourite piece to play, she says.

it," Watson said.

The young woman turned out to be Jade Lapointe. When she gets a chance, Lapointe sits at the wooden piano and commuters listen to her play.

"I stop there when I'm travelling back and forth and I'll play for an hour or so," Lapointe said. "It's a nice piano in a big open space."

The 25-year-old Lapointe said she's been playing piano since she was five. These days, Lapointe lives with roommates — so she doesn't get to have a piano at home.

Lapointe said the reaction is always positive when she plays at the terminal.

"Usually I can see people out of the corner of my eye who are smiling," she said. "They sometimes request songs or just say thank you."

Lapointe said it feels good to know people enjoy hearing her play as much as she enjoys playing.



Jade Lapointe runs through a few pieces at the piano at the Alderney Landing ferry terminal in Dartmouth on Sunday afternoon. JEFF HARPER/METRO

## City considers more pianos

**'We've gotten lots of good feedback'**

City spokeswoman Jennifer Stairs said the piano was installed at Alderney Landing to give passengers something to do.

People were apprehen-

sive about playing at first, but more and more are starting to warm up to it.

"People of all ages and skill levels" are trying out the piano, Stairs said.

Now, Transit is considering putting a piano in every terminal.

"We've gotten lots of good feedback," said Stairs.

# Banned dentistry student mulls conditions of return

The last dentistry student who was suspended from clinical practice at Dalhousie University over posts made on Facebook is being allowed to return under a number of conditions, but a lawyer for Ryan Millet says he has been found guilty of professional misconduct by an academic standards class committee.

Lawyer Bruce MacIntosh said in an email statement Friday that before Ryan Millet can return to clinical practice he must admit his guilt "through submission to a variety of remedial initiatives, including private counselling, written essays and public lectures."

"Until these initiatives are

fulfilled to the satisfaction of the committee, Ryan will not be permitted to graduate."

MacIntosh says Millet is considering his legal options.

"Any exercise of legal options of appeal will almost inevitably lead to the loss of his academic year," says the statement. "He has some difficult choices to make."

The school suspended 13 fourth-year male students about two months ago for allegedly participating in a Fa-

cebook page that contained sexually violent content about female classmates.

The university announced last Monday that 12 of the 13 students were allowed to return to clinical practice under several conditions, including ongoing participation in a restorative justice program and participation in classes on communication and professionalism.

Lawyers for Millet argued at a disciplinary hearing in January that he should have his clinical privileges reinstated and his academic record restored because of his role in bringing the Facebook group to light.

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## Spryfield

## Teenager among three charged with drug trafficking

Halifax Regional Police have charged a man, woman and teenage boy with drug possession for the purpose of trafficking after a search of a Spryfield residence.

Officers with the drug unit executed a search

warrant for a residence in the 0-100 block of Lavender Walk Thursday afternoon, and seized a quantity of cocaine, cash and other drug-related paraphernalia.

Police subsequently arrested three people at the scene without incident.

Quintin Joseph Thomas, 20, Tammy Marie Day, 38, and a 17-year-old boy all face charges of drug possession for the purpose of trafficking. **METRO**

## Cape Breton

## Pedestrian suffers skull fractures in highway accident

A woman is in hospital with serious injuries after she was struck by a car while walking in Cape Breton, police said.

RCMP said the woman was walking along the side of Highway 105 on Sunday

near South Haven when she was hit.

Const. Mark Skinner said the woman is between 40 and 50 years old and is being treated for skull fractures. Skinner said the woman driving the car was not injured, and police are investigating a suspicion that alcohol was involved.

Highway 105 was closed Sunday afternoon to allow for an investigation of the accident scene. **CAPE BRETON POST**

## Labour

## Chronicle Herald workers accept tentative deal

The union representing 13 locked-out employees at Nova Scotia's largest newspaper said the workers have accepted a tentative agreement with the company.

The Halifax Typographical Union said the press

operators and mechanics at the Halifax Chronicle Herald voted by a majority on Saturday to accept the deal.

The workers were locked out Feb. 21 after the company said the employees turned down a proposal from management.

The Chronicle Herald said in a statement Friday that the pressroom workers will be back on the job on Monday.

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# MP helps stop suspected thief

**Sydney.** Rodger Cuzner was in the right place at the right time to assist Bay security guard



Rodger Cuzner THE CANADIAN PRESS

Cape Breton-Canso MP Rodger Cuzner can now add the title of crime-fighter to his resumé.

Late Friday afternoon, Cuzner was in his vehicle in the parking lot of the Mayflower Mall in Sydney when he noticed a commotion between three men near the Bay store. Cuzner had pulled into the mall to do an interview with a newspaper reporter over the phone.

"There was a guy in a white jacket and two others were trying to hold him," said Cuzner, adding he assumed the male in the jacket was a shoplifter.

While still on the phone to the reporter, Cuzner saw the suspect break free and start running toward the lights at the intersection of Grand Lake Road and Garth Wilson Drive. Across from the intersection is the headquarters of the Cape Breton Regional Police.

Cuzner continued to watch the suspect as he moved to-

ward the Grand Lake Road Fire Hall, across the street from the police station, before darting across the road and heading down Garth Wilson Drive.

Cuzner said one of the security guards from the Bay came out and Cuzner caught his attention. The guard got into his vehicle and they started off in pursuit of the suspect.

While Cuzner drove, the guard manned the MP's cellphone, calling 911 as the suspect boarded a bus. Cuzner said the guard flagged down the bus and after another brief scuffle with the suspect, he was off and running again, but was finally apprehended by police.

**CAPE BRETON POST**



## Walking in a warmer winter wonderland

Residents of Dartmouth take advantage of the warmer weather on Sunday to enjoy a stroll on a still-frozen Lake Banook. Temperatures hovered near the 0 C mark and the forecast is calling on that situation to continue early in the week. **JEFF HARPER/METRO**

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# Explanations differ for soldier's death

**Sgt Andrew Joseph Doiron.** Kurdish officials say soldier was on the front lines, but Canada's defence minister says Doiron had returned to an observation post

## Quoted

**"It's a regrettable case of mistaken identity. Obviously we want to know what happened."**

Defence Minister Jason Kenney

Canadian and Kurdish officials on Sunday offered conflicting accounts of the death of a Canadian soldier in a friendly fighting incident in Iraq, with the Kurds saying he was on the front lines directing airstrikes, and Canada's defence minister saying he had returned to an observation post further back.

The death of Sgt. Andrew Joseph Doiron on Friday marked Canada's first casualty as part of the U.S.-led coalition's war on the extremist Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant (ISIL). Canada is actively debating whether to extend the combat mission, which is due to expire at the end of the month.

Kurdish officials said Sunday that Doiron was killed after he and other Canadian soldiers

showed up to the front line unannounced to call in airstrikes.

"They went to the front line to direct airstrikes because the area was attacked by ISIS the day before," Hezhar Ismail, director of co-ordination and relations for Kurdish peshmerga forces, told The Associated Press, using an alternate acronym for ISIL. But Canadian Defence Minister Jason Kenney said the Canadian soldiers had just returned to an observation post well behind the front line when they were mistakenly fired upon by Kurdish fighters.

The Canadian military denied they were in the area to direct airstrikes.

Kenney said he looks forward to hearing more after an investigation is completed.

Doiron was a soldier in the Canadian Special Operations

Regiment based at Garrison Petawawa, Ont. Three other Canadian soldiers were wounded in the incident and are in stable condition.

Peshmerga spokesman Halgurd Hekmat said a group of Canadian soldiers showed up unannounced Friday to the village of Bashi, in Iraq's Nineveh province near the militant-held city of Mosul. The area had seen heavy fighting against ISIL militants the previous day.

"When they returned, the peshmerga asked them to identify themselves," Hekmat said. "They answered in Arabic, that's when peshmerga started shooting. It was their fault."

Hekmat said he doesn't know why the Canadians were there. "I consider it an improper action by the Canadians, and illogical," he said.

Canada has 69 special forces soldiers with Kurdish peshmerga fighters in what the government calls an advising and assisting role. They were sent to help train Kurdish fighters in a mission that was billed as non-combat with the elite troops working far behind the front lines. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**



## Fahmy to advocate for imprisoned press

Canadian acting bureau chief of Al Jazeera English, Mohamed Fahmy, left, leaves a court with his fiancée Marwa Omara after a hearing in his retrial Sunday in Cairo, Egypt. The retrial of Fahmy and another Al Jazeera English journalist, Baher Mohammed, both of whom face terror-related charges in Egypt, has been postponed to March 19. The Canadian journalist says he wants to make every moment of his time count. To that end, Fahmy is launching an organization that will advocate for imprisoned members of the press. The 40-year-old was recently released on bail after more than a year in a Cairo prison. The motivation for the Fahmy Foundation for Free Press came from his own experience behind bars.

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## International Women's Day

Activists shout slogans during an International Women's Day march through the streets of Rabat, the capital of Morocco, on Sunday. The banner in Arabic reads "women protesting for dignity, freedom, equality, social justice and support to the 20th February movement, the Moroccan Arab Spring movement".

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## Alabama

## Thousands crowd bridge in memory of civil rights clash

Thousands of people crowded an Alabama bridge on Sunday to commemorate a bloody confrontation 50 years ago between police and peaceful

protesters that was a landmark in the civil rights movement and helped bring about the 1965 Voting Rights Act.

A day after President Barack Obama walked atop the Edmund Pettus Bridge, many jammed shoulder to shoulder, many unable to move, as they recalled the civil rights struggle.

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# Families of Flight 370 victims won't give up

Vowing never to give up on the desperate search for Malaysia Airlines Flight 370, family members of those aboard the plane wore symbolic T-shirts and released white balloons Sunday as they marked the anniversary of the jet's disappearance.

Gatherings were held in Kuala Lumpur, where the flight departed on March 8, 2014, and Beijing, where it was headed when it vanished with 239 people aboard. Despite an intensive year-long search, no trace of the Boeing 777 has been found.

"My daughter asks me every day, 'Where is Daddy? Why isn't he answering his phone?'" a teary-eyed Kelly Wen from China, whose husband was on the plane, said at a gathering at a Kuala Lumpur mall to mark the anniversary.



Relatives of passengers on board the missing Malaysia Airlines Flight 370 protest near the Malaysian Embassy in Beijing on the one-year anniversary, Sunday. NG HAN GUAN/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

The more than 100 people who gathered wore white T-shirts with the picture of an airplane and bear-

ing the words "Search on," as a video tribute of the passengers and crew members was played.

About 30 family members later went on stage for speeches and a group photo.

One man dedicated a poem to his cousin Anne Daisy, who was aboard the plane. "You have been hidden from me. I don't know where to search. When will we once again meet?" Raymond Gagarin said.

Daisy's 27-year-old daughter, Grace Subathirai Nathan, then gave a speech in tribute to her mother. Nathan, who helped organize the event, said she was in London when the tragedy occurred.

"Every day is like a living nightmare. I miss my mother so much. She was to me my everything," an emotional Nathan said. "It is so important that we have some form of closure. It is so important not to give up on the people that we love."

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## Health. Consumers not at risk for mad cow: Expert

Canada's chief veterinary officer says some cattle associated with the investigation into a case of mad cow disease in Alberta were slaughtered over the last few years and entered the human food chain.

But Harpreet Kochhar said consumers are not at risk because of Canada's bovine spongiform encephalopathy (BSE) safeguards.

"There is no food-safety concern here because any of these animals would have been slaughtered and the specified risk material, which is the material which actually harbours prions, (would) have been removed completely — and that is because of the enhanced feed ban," Kochhar said, adding that if any cattle displayed symptoms they would not have been brought to a slaughterhouse.

Last week, a report posted on the World Organisation for Animal Health (OIE) website indicated that 317 cattle out of 750 associated with the BSE investigation had been slaughtered.

The numbers refer to cattle born within one year of a

### 'Mad cow'

BSE is a fatal and untreatable wasting disease of the brain and nervous system.

- **Cause.** BSE is caused by rogue proteins — prions — that can be spread by contaminated feed. Humans who eat infected beef can then develop the fatal disease.

BSE cow's March 2009 birth. Both numbers have since been removed from the OIE website.

Kochhar said the posting was an initial draft and the slaughter number was not correct and could be "approximately right within 95 per cent confidence."

Investigators are working to confirm the total, which will be submitted to the OIE, he said.

A typical BSE investigation takes about six months before a final report can be submitted to the OIE, he said.

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# NHL, Samsung Canada set to announce corporate deal



A woman uses a smartphone to take photos of an NHL game. A new partnership will give Samsung smartphone users access to NHL video content not available on other devices. JULIO CORTEZ/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

**Smartphones.** Exclusive league content will be featured on Samsung's mobile devices

The NHL and Samsung Canada are expected to announce that the electronics manufacturer will become an official corporate sponsor of the league. But the deal isn't just about placing logos on rink boards.

When Samsung smartphone users download the NHL app, they'll have access to videos that iPhone and BlackBerry users can't view — specifically, edited footage from the league's "Situation Room," where officials watch videos, then issue rulings on disputes.

While fans at home and at the arena will learn the outcome of the call, Samsung users will be able to view a video explaining how officials reached their decision.

The move is an attempt to find an edge in an ultra-com-

petitive smartphone market. According to a 2013 Ipsos-Reid survey, 29 per cent of Canadian mobile phone users have Samsung devices, while 33 per cent use iPhones.

"It's become an interesting race in the mobile space. If I can create a compelling reason for you to switch off that platform to my platform, it's beneficial for us," said Paul Brannen, Samsung Canada's senior vice-president of mobile solutions.

The agreement also taps into a synergy between Samsung's desire to feature its products and the NHL's need to keep pace with shifting viewing habits. The deal will see Samsung sponsor a blog on NHL.com, but marketing experts feel exclusive content is the most important part of the partnership.

"People want to be able to stream, and it allows Samsung to truly showcase how their products can be brought to life," said Keith McIntyre, president of the KMac Group.

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## VOICES

# DAL'S PR SLIP BARELY NOTED

University puts alleged whistleblower in a Catch-22 situation — says 13th member of Facebook group can return, but only if he admits guilt



**HALIFAX MATTERS**  
Stephen Kimber

What to make of last week's latest twists, turns, ins, outs and roundabouts in the never-ending root canal that is Dalhousie's Great Dentistry Scandal of 2014, 2015 ... and counting?

Who knows?

The better answer, perhaps, is that (slightly) fewer social media posters and media pontificators seem so keen to rush to instant prejudgment, conviction and execution based on the latest incomplete information.

That's progress of a sort.

Or perhaps we've simply been distracted by the trending/trended/over-it colours of that blue-black/gold-white dress, or that now-you-see-it-now-we're-sorry TSN tweet about which

Toronto Maple Leaf was sleeping with ...

But I digress.

Last Monday, Dalhousie University posted "in its full, unedited form," an open letter to the university community from the 29 members of its Dentistry Class of 2015 participating in a restorative justice process. The process was set up after December's disclosure some male students in a private Facebook group had published misogynistic posts about fellow female students.

There were mini-messages from the Facebook group ("deep regret"), some female classmates (give us "respect, time and space needed"), and collectively ("privacy ... be respected").

This was regarded — retrospectively and probably rightly — as a university-orchestrated PR ploy in advance of a planned announcement

### Bad PR

**For some inexplicable reason, Dal's crisis team had failed to get its academic standards committee to spit out a decision in Millet's separate suspension appeal in time to wrap it in the same bow as the rest.**

later that day. Twelve suspended members of the Facebook group involved in the restorative justice process were being allowed to return to clinical practice, and might be able to graduate on schedule.

But the university's we're-finally-in-charge-here moment was short-lived. Before the next

news cycle spun, we learned the future of the 13th member of the Facebook group — Ryan Millet, who allegedly had blown the whistle — remained in limbo because he'd refused to participate in the restorative justice process, or admit his guilt.

For some inexplicable reason, Dal's crisis team had failed to get its academic standards committee to spit out a decision in Millet's separate suspension appeal in time to wrap it in the same bow as the rest. On Friday, the committee belatedly agreed to let him return, but only if he first admits guilt — a legal, moral Catch-22 with which he must now grapple.

That's the bad PR news. The good news is that fewer people seemed to notice. That may mean most of the dental students can get on with healing beyond the harsh glare of social media ... which is good.

## Your Halifax



### Drumming home a message

Drummers pound out a rhythm during a rally on Sunday afternoon for International Women's Day at Halifax's Grand Parade. Dozens of people turned out.

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### Upcoming



Dalhousie University's campus sign on University Avenue. METRO FILE PHOTO

### Public meeting on protected bike lane

Spring will soon be upon us (one can only hope), so a public engagement session taking place this week on a proposed protected bike lane on University Avenue in Halifax seems quite timely.

The meeting is being hosted by the city and will take place from 4 to 8 p.m. at LeMarchant Place at Dalhousie University.

A pilot project is in the works to install and study protected bike lanes along the north and south sides of University Avenue from Robie Street to LeMarchant Street.

Wednesday's meeting will allow the public to have its say on the idea, and put feedback into a recommendation report that will be coming before council in April.

For full details on the proposed bike lane, go to: [shapeyourcityhalifax.ca/university-avenue-bike-lane](http://shapeyourcityhalifax.ca/university-avenue-bike-lane)

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## Gossip

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METRO'S TAKE  
ON THE WORLD  
OF CELEBRITIES



Kanye West and Kim Kardashian ALL PHOTOS: GETTY IMAGES

# Air from Kanye concert blows up

Kardashian tweet: WOW he can sell anything! Lol

I'm honestly surprised it took this long for the Internet to reach this level of crazy.

One trailblazing eBay auctioneer put up a sealed plastic bag purported to contain "air from Kanye show," which sounds pretty stupid — until you find out about the nearly 100 bidders who drove the



Air from Kanye show.

price up over \$60,000 over the course of the weekend before the whole thing was scrapped by eBay. But copycats haven't let that bummer ending deter

them, as several similar posts have gone live, including another bag of West air — but this time infused with bay leaves — and a bag of air from a Garth Brooks concert.

You can also grab a bag of West's flatulence for the bargain "buy it now" price of five bucks.

Good luck getting a certificate of authenticity, though.

## Amal to teach at Columbia

George Clooney is coming to New York this spring to film *Money Monster*, and his wife won't just be hanging around seeing the sights.

Amal Clooney has announced that she will be teaching a course on human rights at Columbia Law School for the upcoming semester.

"It is an honour to be invited as a visiting professor at Columbia Law School alongside such a distinguished faculty and talented student pool," she says in a statement.

"I look forward to getting to know the next generation of human rights advocates studying here."



Amal Clooney

## Cate Blanchett adopts baby

A spokeswoman for the actress said Friday that Blanchett and husband Andrew Upton have adopted a baby girl. Edith Vivian Patricia Upton joins the couple's three sons, ages 6, 10 and 13. Publicist Stephanie Gonzalez said no other de-



tails will be provided. Blanchett can next be seen on the big screen in Disney's *Cinderella*. The 45-year-old actress won her second Academy Award last year: best actress for *Blue Jasmine*. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

Cate Blanchett

## Kemper loves dark comedy Tina Fey wrote for her



Ellie Kemper as Kimmy Schmidt ERIC LIEBOWITZ/COURTESY OF NETFLIX

Most people are trying to hide one or two weird things about themselves in their day-to-day lives, but Kimmy Schmidt, the main character in the new Tina Fey Netflix show *Unbreakable Kimmy Schmidt*, is hiding something a bit weirder. She's just escaped a doomsday cult after 15 years, but that isn't stopping her from trying to make a go of it in New York City. And who better to play the wide-eyed innocence of someone who grew up in an underground bunker than Ellie Kemper, who's made something of a specialty of playing innocents?

**Why do you think people like casting you as these**

**innocent characters?**

I have a really big face, so I think that when I smile, it's just a big smile, because it's in proportion to the rest of my face. Some of the characters I play err on the side of ditzy, but Kimmy is not a ditzy. I think any lack of knowledge she has is purely from a lack of experience and not a lack of intelligence. There's a resourcefulness and a craftiness there that enables her to go through those 15 years in the bunker. You can't be a survivor unless you are smart. It reminds me of Will Ferrell's character in *Elf*. Everything is new and shiny to her because she hasn't been there before. But when she does

say things that might seem a little clownish or goofy, it's purely from a lack of experience.

**The show has a pretty dark premise. How do you balance that with the humour?**

I think the subject matter is so serious and tragic and dark and needs to be dealt with very carefully. I think (co-creator Robert Carlock) and Tina did a great job of treating such a dark premise and were able to make a comedy from it. Writing is so key to that, of course, and I think that when something tragic or dark does happen, it doesn't mean you have to shy away from comedy.

LISA WEIDENFELD/METRO U.S.



# France takes Anglo angle in bid for TV supremacy

**New series.** With a \$30-million budget and an English script, France hopes the show Versailles will capture a global audience

Back in the day, the prospect of a French king speaking English would have been enough to trigger a century-long war.

Not any more, as evidenced by what will be France's most-expensive TV series ever: Versailles, a period mini-series of 10 episodes that will come out at the end of this year.

The makers of the series, about the famous Palace of Versailles outside Paris and King Louis XIV who had it built, have bowed before the inescapable domination of English as the global language of entertainment. Thus their French king, one of history's most iconic monarchs, is British. Indeed, most of the cast is British or Canadian. French performers are relegated to supporting roles or in the background.

The reason for such sacrilege in a country known for protecting its language and culture is simple: France no longer wants to sit on the sidelines of the international resurgence in television. It has seen the revolution sweeping the small screen, with cinema-grade pro-

## The story

Versailles focuses on the early years of the reign of Louis XIV — the grand and self-proclaimed "Sun King" — when he ordered the vast and vastly expensive Palace of Versailles be built to house his court away from Paris and its intrigues.

ductions being made by new players including Netflix and Amazon, and it wants to be part of it. And that means adopting English. It also means spending big. At \$30 million (around \$3 million per episode, each taking 12 days to film), Versailles is the costliest TV production put on in France.

That's the sort of cash an "American super-production" would throw at the screen, boasts George Blagden, the English actor who incarnates the 28-year-old Louis XIV. The producers — France's Canal+, Capa Drama and Zodiak Fiction allied with Canada's Incendo — are gambling their series can win the same worldwide business generated by the British-Irish-Canadian TV hit The Tudors, or the British drama Downton Abbey. Claude Chelli, of Capa Drama, makes no bones about it. He says the decision to film Versailles in English was "to ensure the biggest international distribution possible." AFP



In the show Versailles, the pomp and elegance of King Louis's court will be on display in front of the actual palace, seen here. THOMAS SAMSON/AFP/GETTY IMAGES

## Homeland. Fifth season to be set in Germany, Carrie no longer a CIA officer

Time will fly between the fourth and fifth season of the Showtime spy drama Homeland, the series' executive producer Alex Gansa said.

"We're going to take about a two-year forward jump," Gansa said Friday at the opening night of PaleyFest, the annual TV celebration at the Dolby Theatre.

On the purple carpet, Gansa said the next Homeland season will be filmed in Europe, most likely in Berlin. He said the setting would be Germany.

The fourth season of Homeland was shot in Cape Town, South Africa, which doubled for Islamabad and Kabul.

Gansa later told the Paley-Fest audience that CIA officer

Carrie Mathison, played by series star Claire Danes, will no longer be an intelligence officer.

Many of the Homeland crew members said the fourth season was critical to the series, given the death of the character Brody, portrayed by Damian Lewis, on the third season. So the show got a "reboot," said director Lesli Linka Glatter, referring to the fourth season's new plot direction and darker-than-ever twists.

Showtime renewed the show for a fifth season in November. Paley-Fest organizers said about 20,000 fans were expected over the course of the 10-day festival. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



## Hollywood. Sean Penn refuses to apologize for his 'green card' Oscar joke

Sean Penn has opened up about the green card joke heard around the world. He talked about it Saturday in Beverly Hills during a promotional tour for his new film The Gunman, saying that he has "absolutely no apologies" for his comment.

On Feb. 22 at the 87th Academy Awards, Penn, tasked with presenting the best

picture award, made waves when he opened the envelope and first asked "Who gave this son of a bitch his green card?" before announcing the winner as Birdman. Directed by the Mexican-born Alejandro Inarritu, many wondered whether the joke was distasteful.

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# Stop making debt excuses

## Money management.

It's easy to find reasons why you're not digging yourself out of a financial hole, but you need to face reality



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Every time I think I've heard it all, someone pops up with a new way to excuse the fact that they're up to their eyeballs in debt. While the most recent research says that people are slowing their consumption of debt, and we should all feel good about that, I hear from a lot of people that haven't yet got the message. They're still saying things like this:

"We got a consolidation loan and paid off our credit cards." Really, you paid off your debt with other debt? That is not paid off, my little chickadee.

Consolidation makes sense when you lower your interest costs and then work aggressively to repay the debt. But if you're sitting back smugly because you've found a less expensive way to go broke, give your head a shake.

"Everybody's in debt, so what's the big deal?" And if everyone were running naked down the highway you'd do that, too? There's no question that debt has become so pervasive that it seems like everyone's in it.

And if you grew up in a family that had it all, including the debt, you may think

### Debt-free in three steps

Here is a step-by-step guide to get out of a single debt. You must do this for every consumer debt you have.

1. Take your credit card balance, multiply by the interest rate, and divide by 12. That's the monthly interest you're paying to carry that debt. So if you're \$13,500 is costing you 18.9 per cent in interest, it's costing you  $13500 \times 18.9 \div 100 \div 12 = \$212.62$  a month in interest.

2. Take the balance and divide by the number of months in which you want to be out of debt. So if your balance is

\$13,500 and you want to be out of debt in 24 months, it'd be  $\$13,500 \div 24$ . That'll give you your monthly principal repayment of \$562.50.

3. Add the two together to get your monthly payment.  $\$212.62 + \$562.50 = \$775.12$ . If the payment seems to be bigger than you can manage, you have two options:

- a) You can extend the number of months for the principal repayment calculation.
- b) You can make more money.

this is "normal." It's not! You can make the choice to remain a money moron, or you can choose financial stability.

"I don't have time to budget." Really, your most important resource and you don't have the time to manage it? Could it be that your priorities are a little skewed? Did you know that men spend about 3.5 hours and women 2.75 hours every day watching TV?

Hey, you only need to re-allocate a measly half-hour each week to money management to go from being a financial slug to not.

"My partner is the problem." I've met couples where one person is the major culprit. The other person stands meekly by as Mr. or Mrs. I-have-to-have-everything charges them into a debt hole. They shrug and claim to have no ability to change their partner's behaviour.

Here's my big question: Is this the way you're going to live the rest of your life,

walking a tightrope, waiting for the axe to fall? And if you have children, do you think this is creating any sense of security?

These are the same people who turn around and use their debt as the excuse for why they're not stashing away some money for the future. Even those who think they're working hard at paying down their debt are often doing little more than throwing money at their debt. They've never taken the time to figure out how much goes to interest and how much is actually paying down the balance.

If you're serious about getting out of debt, you're not just looking at the minimum payment to keep your credit score nice and shiny. You've set a deadline and done the math to meet that deadline.

Know that if you extend the amount of time you take to pay off the debt, you'll end up paying far more in interest.



Sometimes in relationships, there's a Mr. I-have-to-have-everything whose spending habits don't allow the couple to pay down debt. ISTOCK

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## I'm losing my loonies at lunch hour



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**Dear Metro,**  
I spend about \$50-75 per week buying lunch at various restaurants near my office. It's a huge waste of money, but I hate cooking. I know I'll never manage to bring my lunch every single day, but I'd like to cut my spending in half. Any tips?  
—Friends & Rivals

**Dear F&R,**  
There are lots of lunch-packing strategies that don't involve an oven or a wooden spoon. You may, however, have to visit a grocery store. Don't start with a three-course feast. Simple sandwiches—basic bologna, classic PB&J—are an easy way to integrate home-assembled specialties into your takeout routine. The ingredients cost as much as one bento box, but will last several lunches.

And you know that strange room where your co-workers always go? That's your office kitchen. Use it! During your Monday

lunch hour, grab salad fixings at a nearby market, then store them in the fridge for use throughout the week. Or stock one drawer of your desk with canned soup. Despite your culinary aversion, consider mastering a few big-yield staples. Chili and stir-fry are not only easy to make, they also taste better the next day.

**Dear Metro,**  
I work at a digital agency where we're constantly pitching new campaign ideas. Although I work hard to come up with fun concepts, my boss nixes everything I suggest. I've tried big ideas, conservative ideas, super-wacky ideas—nothing gets the thumbs-up. How can I break past this creative roadblock?  
—Quit Ignoring Meeee

**Dear QIM,**  
Your ideas may be fun—but are they good? Before retaliating, do some self-evaluating.

Maybe your big ideas weren't feasible within budget. Maybe your fun ideas didn't quite capture the client's brand. And your wacky ideas might just be off the mark. The first step to being heard: delivering pitches worth a listen. Still getting nowhere? Get to know your boss. Pay attention to the ideas that do move forward, taking note of what they have that yours don't. Rather than fixating on a suspected personal vendetta, focus on your own personal growth.



# Game-makers going it alone

**Work.** Independent studios boldly taking on blockbusters in an evolving gaming world

"This is the largest family reunion of game developers in the year," International Game Developers Association chief executive Kate Edwards told AFP at the Game Developers Conference in San Francisco last week.

Veterans from big-name studios behind Triple A console games were in the crowd and headlining sessions, but independent game makers were being touted as the people shaking up the industry with creative new approaches to play.

"Indie game makers are basically democratizing game development," Edwards said.

"It is one of the most exciting things we have seen in this industry in a long time; I think it is a form of revolution."

At the heart of the revolution is the fact that tools for making video games are ubiquitous and often free, meaning people can take a shot at it the same way they could get pencil and paper to try writing a book, according to Edwards.

Distribution of independent games is equally accessible through online services such as Steam or Apple's App Store or Google Play which stock shelves with digital games for play on smartphones or tablets.



Thousands of game makers — many from studios made up of just a handful of people if not one-person shops — attended the Game Developers Conference in San Francisco last week to share insights and hone their craft. AFP PHOTO

## Risk takers

Game developer Jenna Hoffstein founded Little Worlds Interactive studio in Boston, where she is a member of a collective of indies.

She works solo, farming some work out to contractors while producing games. Her latest title, Counting Kingdom, has won raves for combining education with fun.

Titles being developed by others in the collective include a rhythm game that

casts a player as a monkey trying to save the rainforest, and Robot Roller Derby Disco Dodge Ball, which Hoffstein said was pretty much what the name suggested.

Independent studios tend to take a lot more creative risk than big operations behind Triple A titles, perhaps because launching a dud of a game could cost hundreds of workers their jobs along with losing millions of dollars in production costs, those inter-

viewed by AFP reasoned.

"The indie scene is really this proliferation of interesting, unique, possibly total-failure ideas," Hoffstein said. "Because the independent is only risking their own salary, we have these zany, unique, off-the-wall ideas."

Examples include mobile puzzle game Monument Valley, influenced by minimalist sculpture and challenges players with optical illusions.

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# Wrap fish in a flavourful crust

**Dinner.** Mushrooms and almonds make a crispy topping for Tilapia



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A mild white fish like Tilapia goes well with a flavourful topping.

This sautéed mushroom and almond crust is the perfect match.

You can use any mushroom you like, but my favourites are either oyster or brown mushrooms.

Be sure to sauté them long enough to eliminate excess moisture.

Use any nut of your choice, such as pecans or even pistachios for colour.

A hot oven of 425 F will ensure a crisper topping.

Tilapia is available all year long either fresh or frozen. You can substitute with grouper, halibut, haddock or basa.

**TOTAL  
TIME  
ABOUT 25  
MINUTES**



This recipe serves four. ROSE REISMAN

## Directions

1. Preheat oven to 425 F.
2. Line a baking sheet with foil sprayed with vegetable oil.
3. In large skillet, add oil and sauté mushrooms, garlic, salt and pepper for 5 to 8

minutes or until cooked and moisture has evaporated.

4. Place in the bowl of food processor, along with almonds, parsley and juice.

5. Pulse just until well mixed.

6. Spread Dijon thinly over

top of fish.

7. Pat mushroom mixture over top of fish and bake for 10 minutes per inch of thickness.

8. Garnish with parsley and lemon wedges.

**THE BEST OF ROSE REISMAN (WHITECAP BOOKS) BY ROSE REISMAN**

## Ingredients

- 2 tsp vegetable oil
- 2 cups chopped wild mushrooms
- 1 1/2 tsp minced garlic
- Salt and pepper
- 1/2 cup sliced almonds
- 2 tbsp chopped parsley
- 1 tbsp lemon juice
- 1 tbsp Dijon mustard
- 1 1/2 lb tilapia or other white firm fish

## Garnish

- Chopped parsley
- 4 lemon wedges

## Dining out. Toque! named Canada's best restaurant

Montreal restaurant Toque! has topped a list of the country's 100 best restaurants.

Hawthorn Restaurant at the Rosewood Hotel Georgia in Vancouver is No. 2 on the list, which was compiled by the new magazine Canada's 100 Best Restaurants.

Toronto's Buca, Raymonds in St. John's, N.L., and Splendido in Toronto round out the top five.

Seventy of the nation's chefs, gourmets and industry leaders were asked to submit a list, in order of preference, of what they believed to be the best restaurants. No judge could vote for a restaurant they owned, worked for, have a financial interest in, or consult for.

"Next year's results in the 2016 issue will show which of them is getting better, who is slipping — and what new talent is giving the old guard



**Chef and owner Normand Laprise at Montreal's Toque!.** CONTRIBUTED

a run," says Jacob Richler, editor-in-chief of the magazine.

Some of the top picks in the magazine include recipes so home cooks can try replicating the signature dishes.

For the complete list visit [canadas100best.com](http://canadas100best.com). The magazine hits newsstands March 20. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

## Veggie-rich pea soup a hearty meal

A hearty split pea and rice soup can be a meal in itself. With all the vegetables needed, you won't even need a side salad!

The green peas and brown rice give you a complete protein nutritionally so this is a perfect dish for vegetarians.

## Directions

1. In a nonstick saucepan sprayed with vegetable spray, heat the oil over medium heat. Add the garlic and onions. Cook for 4 minutes or until softened.

2. Stir in the stock, potatoes, split peas, rice, bay leaves, basil and oregano. Bring to a boil, reduce the heat to medium-low, cover and cook for 20 - 25 minutes or until the peas and rice are tender.

3. Stir in the green beans, tomatoes, salt and pepper. Cook, covered, for 5 minutes or until

## Ingredients

- 1 tsp vegetable oil
- 1 1/2 tsp minced garlic
- 3/4 cup chopped onions
- 6 cups vegetable or chicken stock
- 1 cup diced sweet potatoes
- 1/2 cup dried green split peas
- 1/3 cup brown rice
- 2 bay leaves
- 2 tsp dried basil
- 1 1/2 tsp dried oregano
- 1 1/2 cups green beans cut in 1-inch pieces
- 1 cup diced plum tomatoes
- 1/4 tsp salt
- 1/4 tsp freshly ground black pepper

## Garnish

- 1/4 cup grated Parmesan cheese

the green beans are tender-crisp. Garnish with Parmesan.

**THE BEST OF ROSE REISMAN (WHITECAP BOOKS) BY ROSE REISMAN**



This recipe serves eight. ROSE REISMAN



# A sick timeline. Influenza's greatest hits

JACQUELINE KOVACS  
For Metro

If you have been felled by this year's flu, it may be a small comfort to know that this nasty, mutating virus has been around for at least 2,000 years, even if folks didn't label it quite correctly.

Here is a look at influenza's greatest hits over the centuries.

**4th century BC:** Hippocrates, the father of modern medicine, doesn't name the virus, but notes the symptoms. It's a tricky illness to identify since many of its miserable symptoms are found in other ailments.

**1493:** A sickness that looks a lot like the flu wipes out most of the indigenous people in the Antilles, shortly after world explorer Christopher Columbus arrives.

**1580:** The flu breaks out in Russia and spreads to Europe via Africa. Spain loses almost entire cities to the virus, and it kills more than 8,000 people in Rome.

**1918:** The Spanish flu, one of the worst and most infam-



The flu virus has been causing havoc around the world for at least 2,000 years. SHUTTERSTOCK

ous flu pandemics, strikes and takes the lives of between 50 million and 100 million people.

**1957:** Thought to have origin-

ated in China, Asian flu wipes out about two million people, according to the World Health Organization.

**1968:** Hong Kong flu kills

about one million people globally. It then returns in 1969, 1970 and 1972.

**1977:** Russian flu appears in Northern China and is

similar to the Asian flu of 1957. Because of its similarity, those who had survived the earlier Asian flu tend to have immunities.

## Avoiding the virus

- How can you avoid the flu? A healthy lifestyle, including a well-balanced diet, plenty of sleep, good hygiene — especially frequent handwashing — and staying well hydrated can go a long way. A flu vaccine can help you go the distance. Sure, some years they may be only 50 per cent effective, but as the medical community points out, that's a 50 per cent better chance that you may not catch the virus.

**2002 and 2003:** New strains of flu appear, including H5N1, H7N7 and H10MN7.

**2005-2009:** Humans infected with H5N1 appear in such places as China, Eastern Turkey, Iraq, Egypt, Indonesia, Pakistan, Nigeria, Vietnam and Bangladesh.

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# Herd watch points slip away

**QMJHL.** Team gives up winner in final minute Sunday to Cape Breton, allow two late goals to Charlottetown on Friday

Olivier LeBlanc picked the right time to score his first two goals as a member of the Cape Breton Screaming Eagles.

LeBlanc fired a power-play tally in the first and netted the winner with only 36.5 seconds to go in the game for a 5-4 win over the Halifax Mooseheads on Sunday at Centre 200. The victory snapped a two-game losing streak and sent Halifax to its fourth loss in the past five games.

The 19-year-old blue-liner from Quebec City bombed a shot from the point that eluded Mooseheads netminder Kevin Resop in front of 3,204 Quebec Major Junior Hockey League fans.

"(Kyle) Farrell had the puck and I just saw the opening and went to the middle of the ice," said LeBlanc, a Columbus Blue Jackets seventh-round draft pick in 2014.

"I got the puck and a guy was in front of me. I tried to shoot it between his legs and it got through. I don't know if it got tipped by his skates, but

## Where they stand

Halifax, which clinched a playoff spot over the weekend, sits 12th overall. If the playoffs started today, the Mooseheads would face the Val-d'Or Foreurs in the best-of-seven first round.

it got through." Cape Breton pulled off the last-minute win despite a three-goal, one-assist performance by Winnipeg Jets draft pick Nikolaj Ehlers of the Mooseheads. Ehlers set up Danny Moynihan's goal just under four minutes into the third period that tied the game 4-4, but would set the stage for LeBlanc's late heroics.

Mooseheads' defenceman Cavan Fitzgerald picked up two assists and was a plus-three rating.

In goal, Miguel Sullivan turned aside 23 shots in the win, improving his record to 16-11-2-1. Resop stopped 29 shots in the loss.

Halifax also lost by a goal at home Friday to the Charlottetown Islanders. The visitors scored goals 54 seconds apart with under five minutes remaining in regulation to break a 4-4 tie.

Ehlers finished with a goal and two assists and now has 12 points, including five



Cavan Fitzgerald of the Halifax Mooseheads, left, gives chase to Stephen Anderson of the Cape Breton Screaming Eagles during QMJHL play Sunday at Centre 200 in Sydney. The Mooseheads lost 5-4. T.J. COLELLO/CAPE BRETON POST

goals, in his past three games.

The Mooseheads are now off until Friday when they

visit the Bathurst Titan. The Herd have five games remaining in their regular-season

schedule.

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## Rainmen pour it on over Miracles to grab series lead



Liam McMorrow CONTRIBUTED

The Halifax Rainmen dampened the spirits of the host Moncton Miracles in National Basketball League of Canada playoff action on Sunday afternoon.

The Rainmen won big, posting a convincing 124-96 victory over the Miracles in Game 3 of the best-of-five first-round series at the Moncton Coliseum.

Halifax now leads the series

## Margin of victory

# 63

The combined point differential in the last two victories by the Halifax Rainmen over the Moncton Miracles.

2-1 and can put Moncton away on the road Tuesday night.

Liam McMorrow led the

charge for Halifax with 23 points and 15 rebounds. Jermaine Daley also recorded a double-double for the Rainmen with 14 points and 14 boards.

Tyrone Watson chipped in 19 points off the bench for Halifax, which led 64-48 at the break and by 27 points through three quarters.

Daquan Brooks netted a game-high 25 points for Mon-

ton, which has been dominated in the series minus a fourth-quarter comeback in the series opener, a game they won by a single point.

Of note in Sunday's game, 120 Halifax fans made the trip to Moncton to cheer on the Rainmen.

If the series goes the distance, Game 5 would be played on Monday, March 16 at Scotiabank Centre. **METRO**

## NHL

### MackKinnon out six to eight weeks with broken foot

Nathan MacKinnon recently broke his nose and still sped back to the ice. There's no way to do that with a fractured foot, though.

The Colorado Avalanche will be without their fast-moving forward for at least six weeks after an MRI revealed the break, coach



Nathan MacKinnon  
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Patrick Roy confirmed Friday.

More than likely, MacKinnon's season is finished. Unless, of course, the

Avalanche rally over the final few weeks to make it into the post-season. They're currently out of the last playoff spot in the Western Conference by nine points.

The talented teenager has 14 goals and 24 assists in 64 games during his sophomore season. He had 63 points a year ago when he was the league's rookie of the year.

"Obviously, it's never good news when you're losing a player like Nate, especially at a key moment in our season," Roy said. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

## CIS hockey

### Alberta ranked No. 1 for nationals

The reigning champion Alberta Golden Bears have earned the No. 1 seed for the start of Thursday's CIS men's hockey nationals at Scotiabank Centre.

The Atlantic University Sport champion New Brunswick Varsity Reds come in seeded second in the eight-team tournament.

The Acadia Axemen are

at No. 5 while the host St. Francis Xavier X-Men are at No. 8. The seedings and tournament schedule were announced on Sunday.

On Thursday, quarter-final action sees Calgary take on Guelph at 1 p.m., and the Varsity Reds and Windsor meet at 7 p.m.

On Friday, the Axemen face off with UQTR at 1 p.m. and the X-Men and Golden Bears clash at 7 p.m.

The semifinals go Saturday and the final is Sunday.

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La Liga

## Messi hat trick boosts Barca to win, league lead

Lionel Messi scored a hat trick to help Barcelona rout Rayo Vallecano 6-1 at home and take the lead of the Spanish league on Sunday.

Barcelona capitalized on Real Madrid's latest slip to move one point ahead with



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the fierce rivals set to meet at Camp Nou in two weeks.  
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FA Cup

## Liverpool's attack goes limp in draw with Blackburn

Liverpool was held 0-0 by second-tier Blackburn in the FA Cup quarter-finals as the Premier League's in-form team lost its attacking sparkle at Anfield on Sunday.

Blackburn came close to causing a huge shock,

dominating parts of the first half after an eight-minute delay early in the game following an injury to Liverpool defender Martin Skrtel in an aerial challenge. Skrtel was wearing a neck brace as he was carried off on a stretcher but Liverpool manager Brendan Rodgers said the centre back was "fine."

Aston Villa beat West Bromwich Albion 2-0 and is the only team through to the semifinals. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

Tennis

## Pospisil plays the hero as Canada defeats Japan

Vasek Pospisil defeated Go Soeda in straight sets Sunday to lead Canada past Japan 3-2 and into the quarter-finals of the Davis Cup.

The 24-year-old won 7-5, 6-3, 6-4 in one hour 49 minutes in front of a partisan

crowd in Vancouver, his hometown.

Canada started the day up 2-1 in the best-of-five World Group first-round tie, but Milos Raonic couldn't close it out against Kei Nishikori, falling in a five-set thriller. Nishikori, ranked No. 4 in the world, beat the sixth-ranked Raonic 3-6, 6-3, 6-4, 2-6, 6-4 in three hours four minutes to keep his country alive in the tie.

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# Team Canada pulls off upset to capture Brier title

**Curling.** After taking over skip duties, Simmons carries rink to championship

The first team to wear the Maple Leaf at the Canadian men's curling championship can wear it again next year.

Pat Simmons, John Morris, Carter Rycroft and Nolan Thiessen upset Northern Ontario's Brad Jacobs 6-5 in an extra end of Sunday's final of the Tim Hortons Brier.

With a guarded Northern Ontario stone on the four-foot rings, Simmons drew for a piece of the button and the win.

"I'm really proud of the boys for hanging in there today," Simmons said. "It was a tough mental battle out there against a great team."

The Glenoe Club foursome from Calgary will represent Canada at the Ford World Curl-

ing Championship in Halifax later this month and earned an automatic entry into next year's Brier in Ottawa as Team Canada again.

A shakeup to their lineup earlier in the week transformed the team into a contender. A demoralizing loss to Saskatchewan on the third day of the tournament dropped them to 2-3.

Morris made the eyebrow-raising decision that night to demote himself to third and hand skipping duties over to Simmons. They went on a 5-1 run with their lone loss to Jacobs and claimed the fourth and final playoff berth with a 7-4 record.

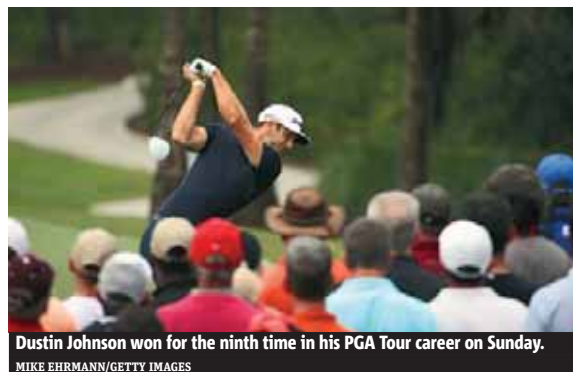
Northern Ontario went 10-1 to top the preliminary round. The reigning Olympic champions won the Page playoff game Friday against Brad Gushue of Newfoundland and Labrador to earn an express ticket to the final.

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Team Canada skip Pat Simmons, left, is hoisted up by third John Morris as they celebrate defeating Northern Ontario in the gold-medal game of the Brier at the Scotiabank Saddledome on Sunday. JEFF MCINTOSH/THE CANADIAN PRESS

# Johnson wastes little time earning win after hiatus



Dustin Johnson won for the ninth time in his PGA Tour career on Sunday. MIKE EHREMAN/GETTY IMAGES

A month after he returned from his curious leave of absence, Dustin Johnson was posing with another big trophy.

In a power show Sunday on the Blue Monster, Johnson was flawless on the back nine and blasted two big drives to finish off a 3-under 69 and win the Cadillac Championship for his second World Golf Championship title.

Johnson took advantage of a collapse by J.B. Holmes, who lost a five-shot lead and closed with a 75 to finish one shot behind. Masters champion Bubba

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"I knew there was something I was missing that could make me great. I was working hard on that, and I think it's showing right now." Dustin Johnson

Watson opened with four birdies in seven holes to lead by two shots, only to make three bogeys in a four-hole stretch on the back nine. He shot 71 and finished two behind.

Johnson won for the ninth time in his PGA Tour career and moved to No. 6 in the

world.

Johnson returned just five weeks ago from a six-month leave of absence to seek professional help for what he described only as personal challenge. Golf.com reported in August that Johnson had failed a cocaine test for the second

time, and that he previously was suspended in 2012 under similar circumstances.

Johnson only said, "No," when asked if he failed a drug test in an interview before his return.

The swagger was back at Trump National Doral, especially on the finishing holes. But when he tapped in for par, it was clear this victory meant more than the others. He walked off with fiancée Paulina Gretzky and their son, Tatum, who was born in January. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

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### Horoscopes by Sally Brompton

#### ♈ Aries

**March 21 - April 20**

You don't have to wait until later this month to plan what you are going to do. Start now. The more you look ahead the more successful you will be.

#### ♉ Taurus

**April 21 - May 21**

Don't take someone's negative remarks to heart because either they don't mean what they say or they don't realize how offensive it sounds to you.

#### ♊ Gemini

**May 22 - June 21**

It may seem as if the world is falling apart but it really isn't that bad, and what is bad is part of a larger plan.

#### ♋ Cancer

**June 22 - July 23**

One of the most challenging times of the year will begin when the Sun changes signs on the 20th but between now and then there are plenty of things you can do to make life easier for yourself.

#### ♌ Leo

**July 24 - Aug. 23**

Make an effort to talk over your problems, especially your money problems, with someone who can not only lend a sympathetic ear but can help you with practical advice.

#### ♍ Virgo

**Aug. 24 - Sept. 23**

You have been playing a number of roles in recent weeks but you need to remember that they are make believe and not reality.

#### ♎ Libra

**Sept. 24 - Oct. 23**

Look for ways to co-operate with colleagues and people in positions of power. You have wasted enough time and energy trying to outdo each other.

#### ♏ Scorpio

**Oct. 24 - Nov. 22**

According to the planets you have become too set in your ways of late — yes, even more so than usual — and now you must loosen up a little and let other possibilities into your life.

#### ♐ Sagittarius

**Nov. 23 - Dec. 21**

Focus on what really matters. It may be hard for someone like you who is so easily bored to concentrate on just one thing.

#### ♑ Capricorn

**Dec. 22 - Jan. 20**

Looking around at the world you might come to the conclusion that the times are not as good as they should be. So how can you make them better?

#### ♒ Aquarius

**Jan. 21 - Feb. 19**

Your mind will have to work hard this week, so don't do anything too strenuous physically.

#### ♓ Pisces

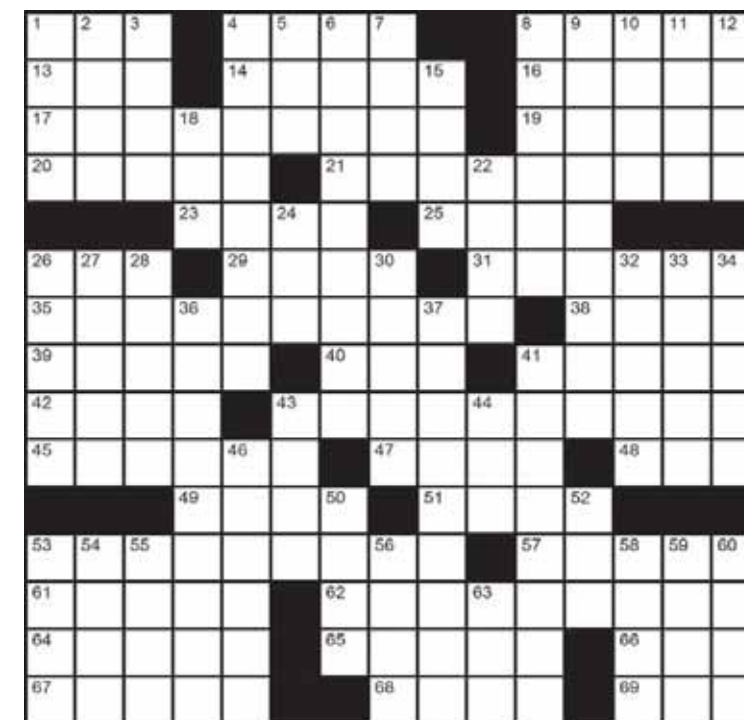
**Feb. 20 - March 20**

What you own and what you earn is on your mind constantly at the moment but don't worry yourself sick about it. There are more important things in life than dollars and cents, so keep a sense of perspective.

### Crossword: Canada Across and Down by Kelly Ann Buchanan

#### Across

1. Vintner's 'dry'
4. Howard Stern's producer 'Mr. Booeey'
8. Comic actor Mr. Shore
13. Clearasil rival, \_\_\_ 5
14. "\_\_\_ Life" (1998)
16. Prefix pertaining to blood vessels
17. Animated comedy on FOX: 2 wds.
19. Opera soprano Beverly
20. Rectify
21. Vancouver Island town, 'Heritage by the Sea'
23. "\_\_\_ is me!"
25. Palm starch
26. Back then
29. Bus. name abbreviations
31. 6/49 and Max
35. Big park in Montreal: 2 mots
38. Suffix meaning 'collection'
39. Seizes
40. Melissa of movies
41. Marlon Brando's "Superman" (1978) role
42. Water bird
43. Archie: Riverdale High professor
45. 50th Anniversary! Song from "The Sound of



Music" (1965)

47. Pipsqueak pup
48. Sample
49. Archeological site of western Iran
51. \_\_\_ Alberni, BC
53. Words stamped on a spy's dossier
57. Mirage vision
61. Mrs. '\_\_\_ Goes to Paris (Paul Gallico

novel)

62. Place to check outerwear
64. Bar chair
65. Man, in Montreal
66. Skater Midori
67. 'Sleep'-meaning prefix
68. 'Kind' suffix
69. Don't keep up

#### Down

1. Chesterfield
2. Test
3. Flower cluster
4. Pianos of this brand
5. 'Lull' ending
6. Taps, for one: 2 wds.
7. Water: Spanish
8. Turn a particular

Monopoly corner: 2 wds.

9. Band performing the song at #36-Down
10. Fancy fruit
11. Lively tune
12. Mr. Shmenge ("SCTV" character)
15. Late guitarist Mr. Barrett's

18. Ancient veil-giver
22. Ivy League school
24. Man. neighbour
26. Chilly
27. Legendary Greta
28. Breath \_\_\_ (It's nice when it's fresh)
30. Historic French title of respect
32. Predictions pack
33. \_\_\_ the other (Not both)
34. Chips, often
36. "FashionTelevision" theme tune
37. Song by Canadian singer Kandle: 4 wds.
41. Canoeist's keeping-straight paddling moves
43. Financial-related, briefly
44. Antacid brand
46. Morning mixture
50. Architectural shape
52. Road surface
53. Itar-\_\_\_ (Russian news agency)
54. A conjunction/A preposition... Together here.
55. Graduation ball
56. Mr. Musk
58. Earth
59. Bit
60. City haze
63. Morning hrs.

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#### How to play

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### Yesterday's Sudoku

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